

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 91-33 (As Amended)

Introduced by Council President Wilson
at the request of the County Executive
Legislative Day No. 91-15 Date May 21, 1991

AN EMERGENCY ACT to add repeal and re-enact with amendments Subsection 256-12A, Connection Charges of Article I, General Provisions of Chapter 256 Water and Sewers of the Harford County Code, as amended, to provide for a reduction in the annual interest rate paid when financing a connection charge and to further provide that the reduced interest rate shall also apply to a surcharge or development fee and to fix the maximum time within which to finance these costs.

By the Council, May 21, 1991
Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled
on: June 18, 1991
at: 6:00 P.M.
By Order: Doris Poulsen, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on June 18, 1991, and concluded on, June 18, 1991

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1 Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Harford
2 County, Maryland, that Subsection 256-12A, Connection Charges of
3 Article I, General Provisions of Chapter 256 Water and Sewers of
4 the Harford County Code, as amended, be and it is hereby repealed
5 and re-enacted with amendments, all to read as follows:

6 Section 256-12 Connection charges.

7 A. The county shall make a charge for every drainage, sewer and
8 water connection in the amount set by law, if not previously paid.
9 Connection charges, which are used to amortize the costs of capital
10 facilities, shall be established from time to time by law.
11 Connection charges may be based upon reasonable classifications
12 that may vary within any water, sewer or drainage system and among
13 any such systems depending on the existence of any special
14 circumstances. The charges shall not be limited to the costs of
15 the county for making such connections. The Treasurer shall
16 determine the manner in which such charges shall be paid by
17 adopting appropriate rules and regulations. When connection
18 charges, SURCHARGES, WATER SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES AND/OR SEWER
19 SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES ARE APPLICABLE TO AN EXISTING RESIDENTIAL
20 DWELLING UNIT, THE CHARGES, SURCHARGES, AND/OR FEES MAY BE [are]
21 financed over a period of FIVE (5) years AND the interest charges
22 on any unpaid balance shall be [fifteen percent (15%)] THE PRIME
23 RATE OF INTEREST AS IDENTIFIED IN THE WALL STREET JOURNAL PLUS TWO
24 PERCENT (2%) per year. ONCE APPLICATION FOR WATER AND/OR SEWER
25 SERVICE IS COMPLETED, THE INTEREST RATE IS FIXED AS OF THE DATE OF
26 THE FIRST PAYMENT.

1 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act is hereby
2 declared to be an emergency act necessary to assist those customers
3 with refinancing who are ready to connect to the system, and it
4 shall take effect on the date it becomes law.

5 EFFECTIVE: July 10, 1991

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BY THE COUNCIL

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Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 91-20 (July 2, 1991)

Failed of Passage: _____

By Order

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive
for her approval this 3rd day of July, 1991
at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

Lillian M. Lehmann
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

Date July 10, 1991

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, (No. 91-33 As Amended), having been approved by the
Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on July 10, 1991.

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 10, 1991